

Bowling for Rhinos An Update



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Since 1990, BFR has raised over \$670,000.00 for Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary (now called Lewa Wildlife Conservancy or LWC) in Kenya & Ujung Kulon National Park in Java, Indonesia. Over \$109,000.00 has been raised so far this year with 10 more Chapters still needing to turn in their money. The first \$100,000.00 will continue to support LWC with the remainder each year going to Ujung Kulon.

The 1995 top money raising Chapter was once again Portland which raised \$11,398.35. The top individual money raisers were Patty Pearthree with \$1,767.00 (winners can only win the trip once). Katrina Osborne from Miami Metrozoo with \$1,488.00 and Ken Smith from Jacksonville, FL with \$850.00 were the second and third place winners and received the two-week trips to Lewa in 1996.

It is very important to remember that BFR advertises that 100% of all donor money goes to the two areas of conservation. In order for this to hold true, all donations must be sent through AAZK's BFR accounts. Ngare Sergoi Support Group (NSSG) is **not** the same as BFR. If you send your money to NSSG, 100% does not go to LWC as NSSG pays the administrative costs of BFR, pays for trip winners & operating costs of NSSG. NSSG relies on donations and memberships to cover these costs and allows our "100% to conservation" to be a selling point for Bowling for Rhinos. So remember when supporting BFR, write checks to: AAZK, Inc. and mail to:

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Now is a great time to start thinking about BFR '96, so form a committee and pick a date so your event can go into next year's calendars! Some other BFR funds are raised through "Rock'n for Rhinos", "Rummage for Rhinos", "Run for Rhinos", "Recycle for Rhinos", or donations.

If your Chapter has not turned in their 1995 BFR money, please do so as soon as possible so that I may include it in the 1995 totals. If you have any questions about BFR, please feel free to contact me at (317) 322-8723.